GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:83
ANSWERED ON:14.07.2014
SHORTAGE OF STAFF IN ESI HOSPITALS
Antony Shri Anto ;Chautala Shri Dushyant

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a)whether there is a shortage of doctors, including specialists/superspecialists, medical and para-medical staff in the hospitals run by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) in various States;

(b)if so, the total number of posts sanctioned, in position and existing vacancies of the said categories in these hospitals under ESIC, State/UT-wise and the reasons for shortfall and the steps taken to fill up the vacancies;

(c)whether there is also a shortage of medical equipment in these hospitals and if so, the details thereof;

(d)whether the healthcare of ESIC beneficiaries is being affected due to shortage of health professionals and medical equipment; and

(e)if so, the corrective action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES, LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) To (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 83 TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.07.2014 BY SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA AND SHRI ANTO ANTONY REGARDING SHORTAGE OF STAFF IN ESI HOSPITALS.

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. State/UT-wise vacancy position as on 31.3.2014 in the cadres of General Duty Medical Officers (GDMOs), specialists, super specialists and para-medical staff in Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) hospitals is at Annex.

Main reasons for shortfall, inter-alia, includes non-availability of adequate number of applicants for the appointment to the posts of specialists/super-specialists in ESIC, high attrition rate in all cadres of Doctors.

Steps have been taken to fill-up the vacancies which inter-alia includes conversion of 40% posts of GDMO to Senior Residents and sanction of 10 additional posts of Senior Residents per 100 bed hospitals, Medical Superintendents are authorised to appoint Doctors in all cadres except GDMO on contract basis.

(c): ESIC Hospitals are generally well-equipped. Medical Superintendents of ESIC Hospitals have been given financial powers to procure equipment upto Rs. 25 lacs per equipment in accordance with ESIC rules & regulations, if need be.

(d) & (e): ESIC has tie-up arrangements with Government and Corporate Hospitals on cashless basis to ensure that the health care services are not affected due to shortage of health professionals and medical equipment. The bill of the tied-up hospitals is paid by ESIC directly to concerned hospitals.